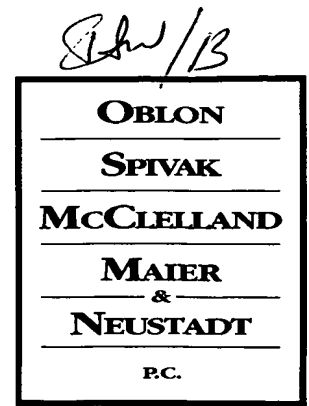




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Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

REFERENCES

- ☒ The applicant(s) wish to make of record of the Chinese Office Action and cited references in the corresponding Chinese Office Action listed on the attached form PTO-1449. U.S. Patent 5,935,751 was previously filed in the above-identified application on March 28, 2002. The listed references attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
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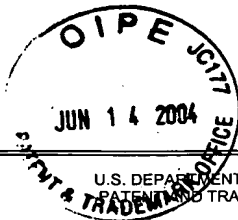
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